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In re application of: Thompson et al.

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DRUG CARRIER

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir or Madame:

A listing of the claims as amended by this preliminary amendment begins on page 2.

The remarks begins on page 5 of this preliminary amendment.

Prior to an examination on the merits, please enter the following amendments: